

# Culpeper Minutes

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#### A Message from the Board of Supervisors



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#### Dear Citizens:

Our best wishes to you this spring of 2011. As you read this, the Fiscal Year 2012 budget should be complete. As has been the case for several years now, the Board of Supervisors had to make some very difficult decisions this year. As we always do, we have tried to balance the need for services with the need to keep taxes as low as possible. It is always challenging, and we always appreciate the input we receive from our citizens.

The County and the Town continue to move ever closer to finalizing a water and sewer/boundary line adjustment settlement agreement which we believe is of great benefit to all of Culpeper. Many other important issues are also being addressed. Perhaps most noteworthy, in April, a new redistricting plan was finalized. The County must redraw its voting districts every ten years in order to balance the population within the districts. The ordinance adopted in April saw the size and shape of the East and West Fairfax districts change drastically, with a significant reduction in the population of each, as they had grown the most over the last ten years. The Catalpa and Cedar Mountain districts were expanded into the Town limits, with two new precincts being created. The Willow Shade precinct is a new precinct in the Catalpa District and the Southridge precinct is a new precinct within the Cedar Mountain District. The Salem, Stevensburg, and Jefferson Districts were impacted the least. These changes are subject to pre-clearance by the Department of Justice, but it is expected that all changes will be in place for the next election or primary.

If you have any questions or comments, on any subject, please feel free to contact a member of the Board or staff. We value your input, so let us know what you think.

For the Board.

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Meetings of the Board of Supervisors are held the first Tuesday of each month: at 10 a.m. for general County business and at 7 p.m. for a public forum, planning business and public hearings. Agendas are available prior to the meetings on the County website at www.culpepercounty.gov and minutes are available following the meetings. Video coverage is provided by Channel 10.

#### **Culpeper County Board of Supervisors**

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> The Board meets the 1st Tuesday of each month 10 a.m.

**General County Business** 7 p.m. **Public Forum Planning Business Public Hearings** 

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## Congressman Eric Cantor 7th District of Virginia 112th Congress Majority Leader

Each May, we take time to recognize the enormous sacrifices borne by the men and women who have fallen in defense of our country. Were it not for their heroism, the freedom, liberty and opportunity that has made America the greatest nation on earth would never have been possible. Our nation must never forget that.

And in June, we honor America's veterans and thank them for their outstanding contributions to our country. We take the opportunity to remind our nation's policymakers that our veterans and their families must receive the high-quality care and benefits that they deserve.

Today, several thousand American troops are deployed overseas to help keep the homeland safe. Whether in Afghanistan or Iraq, they are lifting up the oppressed and defeating terrorists dedicated to killing Americans. These efforts are stopping the forces of radicalism before they are allowed to spread across the globe.

I have visited our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan; I have seen the inspiring and selfless work they are carrying out – and I remain in awe of it. I hope during this season Americans will take the time to honor and thank all Americans who have worn the uniform.

I'd also like to thank all veterans from Culpeper for their service to our country. Culpeper natives who have received the Congressional Veteran Commendation include:

William C. Chase, Major, U.S. Army (2010)

Lacy G. Sanford, Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps (2009)

Lester Petermann, Chief Pharmacists' Mate, U.S. Navy (2007)

James P. McWilliams, Jr., Ph.D., Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps Retired (2003)

John Shulick, Captain, U.S. Navy Retired (2003)

Selected by a board of veterans, the 7th District Congressional Veteran Commendation awardees represent veterans from every major military conflict since WWII. Winners of the Commendation are interviewed, and their stories are made part of the Veterans' History Project, part of the Library of Congress. Their observations and their experiences will be saved for all posterity, to be reviewed by historians and ordinary American citizens alike, generations from now.

My office is currently accepting applications for the 2011 Congressional Veterans Commendation Award. Please visit my website at <a href="http://cantor.house.gov/">http://cantor.house.gov/</a> for more information and to fill out the application form.

#### **Culpeper County Board of Supervisors—Boards and Committees**

The Board of Supervisors has committees which make recommendations to the Board on issues in a variety of areas. If you would like to serve on a board or committee, we would like to hear from you.

Please call the Administrative Office at 540-727-3427 for an application or visit our website at www.culpepercounty.gov The website describes each committee, lists current openings and offers printable application forms. The Board of Supervisors would like to have a pool of candidates so that each new appointee helps balance the currently sitting committee.



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This newspaper is a quarterly publication to the citizens of Culpeper County by the Board of Supervisors. It is designed to present and provide information about issues affecting those who live in Culpeper. Over 20,000 copies are distributed, one to each mail address in Town, County, and to each U.S.P.S. Box within the Town and County of Culpeper.

The newspaper is also available online at www.culpepercounty.gov Email dhoffman@culpepercounty.gov with comments and suggestions or to unsubscribe.

## **Culpeper County Public Schools What is Engaging Instruction?**

At the beginning of this school year, administrators decided to reinstate a practice commonly referred to as "walk throughs." Each week, all division administrators including those of us who work at central office, conduct five or six classroom snapshot visits. During these walks, we are looking for several items including curriculum alignment, use of resources, and instructional models. Building level administrators are in classrooms much more than these snapshot visits, but during the walks, we are all collecting the same kind of data so that we can look for patterns and trends.

Because we are only in classrooms for four or five minutes, we focus on what we do see rather than what we don't see. By this I mean that it is understood that instruction follows a pattern that includes direct instruction of some type, checking for understanding, and student independent work. Depending on where the lesson is in this cycle, we may see active teaching, we may see a question and answer review of content already learned, or we may see students developing a skill through independent or group assignments.

With the acknowledged limitations of snapshot data collection, there is much to be gained when looking at information from hundreds of classroom visits. A focus is on student engagement. No matter where the visit occurs in the lesson cycle, if students aren't engaged, they aren't going to embrace the learning. Some teachers are naturally engaging. There is an energy in their classrooms that keeps students on their toes and interested. But what if a teacher's personality doesn't quite make that automatic connection with students? Not to worry! Students respond best to instruction that involves them in the process. By keeping a lesson fast-paced, allowing students to discuss ideas in pairs or groups, and paying close attention to providing meaningful activities that go beyond the standard paper-pencil exercises, student engagement increases.

I recently visited a high school English class that was studying Beowulf. The characters had obviously already been introduced and discussed in a previous lesson. After a quick oral review, students were asked to demonstrate their understanding

of two of the characters of their choosing by creating a Facebook or text message conversation between the two. There was an eagerness displayed by the students that left no doubt in my mind that if the



students really understood each character, they would have success in demonstrating this understanding through their assignment. Remember, the assignment was not to demonstrate their ability to write a narrative or expository paper. The assignment was to demonstrate their ability to analyze the various characters. On another occasion, I was leaving a school and heard student laughter and conversation. I followed the noise and found a middle school science class experimenting with homemade rockets. Understanding the physics behind rocket launches was much more meaningful with real examples to measure and discuss. A textbook explanation and diagram just wouldn't have the same impact.

Another key element we are tracking is the presence of 21<sup>st</sup> century learning in our classrooms. For this element, we are looking for collaboration, critical thinking, leadership opportunities, investigating, and problem-solving just to name a few. We are early in the implementation of our goal to infuse 21<sup>st</sup> century learning into all classrooms across all content areas. The data from classroom visits gives us a sense of where we are in this journey and what support we need to provide to accomplish this goal. We can gauge which resources are being used most effectively to inform future purchases.

Every lesson, every day cannot have the bells and whistles to make for an exceptional learning environment. There are some mundane tasks that must be mastered, such as learning the skills involved in taking a multiple choice test. This is just the reality we face. But, by understanding and embracing the boost to learning potential when we fill a school day with more authentic learning, we will reach more students and have greater success

Dr. Bobbi Johnson Division Superintendent



## **Culpeper County Library**

"Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no Libraries." *American Library Association* 

#### **Volunteers Needed**

During the tough economic times, are you looking for ways to give back to your community? The Library is looking for dedicated individuals to volunteer in the following areas:

- 1. Straightening shelves, and displaying books.
- 2. Circulation Desk Dedicated to a set schedule of 3 4 hours per week; Must be 18 yrs. of age or older; Customer service experience preferred; Training provided.
- 3. Previous Library or Teaching Experience call for available opportunities

If interested, please call Kathy Clevenger, Circulation/Volunteer Coordinator at 540-825-8691.

#### **Programs for Youth**

#### All programs are free of charge.

Summer Reading Programs are underwritten by the Friends of the Library, to whom we are grateful.

## Gne World Many Stories Summer Reading 2011



This program is for children, birth to grade 5 completed.

(Grades 6-11 see Teen Program)

Registration for Summer Reading Program begins Monday June 20th and is ongoing. End date is August

**2<sup>nd</sup>.** Keep your imaginations fueled and your reading skills up-Summer Reading feeds the need to read! Write down the titles of the books you read. You will be assigned a "goal" based on grade completed. Reach your reading goals and win books, free food coupons, toys and ice cream or roller skating party!

#### ALL SHOWS ARE FIRST COME FIRST SERVED-Space Limited

Summer Storytimes are dependent upon the Library's budget.

Carousel Puppets Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:30, 2:30, 7:00

Performing "Circus on

Strings" which brings you variety under the big top, featuring large and colorful marionettes performing



to a wide range of music. The performance opens with a demonstration of how marionettes work and then it's on with the show! You'll see juggling clowns, a ballerina, a cat on a trapeze, and many more circus acts to delight and enthrall all ages. There's lots of audience participation, too!



Snakes Alive
Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>
10:30, 2:30, 7:00
Ron Kromer, the Snake Guy, is back!
Two parts to this program, learn

about snakes and other amphibians, and then it's hands on for those who dare!

Singing Storyteller, Regi Carpenter, from New York! Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> 10:30, 2:30, 7:00 Come enjoy story-telling at its



best with singing, puppets, and the remarkable Regi Carpenter visiting all the way from New York.

For Library Program Information, call 825-8691

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#### **Culpeper County Library (continued)**



#### Teen Summer Reading 2011

This program is for teens, grades 6-11 completed.

Registration begins June 20<sup>th</sup>. Program ends August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

What is Summer Reading? Write down the titles of books you read. Bring in your book logs when you have met your goals to enter raffles and get free

tickets to roller skating party. Raffled items include movie tickets, books signed by the authors, and Amazon gift cards. First 200 teens to register get free buttons with teen art on them!

#### Jeen Summer Programs

REGISTRATION IN ADVANCE REQUIRED

Gaming Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 1-5 p.m.





## REGISTER IN ADVANCE X-Box 360 and Kinnect!

We will have Kinnect games and

you can bring rated Teen games from home. <u>Battle Star Galactica "Board Game"</u> Ultimate battle in space with "Cylons" vs. the humans. Which are you? <u>Wits and Wagers</u> Bet on who comes closest to having the right answer to trivia! <u>Uncharted Seas</u> and other games with painted plastic miniatures and terrain. Snacks served!

Additional programs are dependent upon the Library's budget.

**HEY TEENS!** Add us on Facebook at CCLVA

For Library Program Information, call 825-8691

### Friends

#### It is never too late to join the Friends and help support the Library

**Membership Year – January thru December** 

Membership Types: Individual \$5.00 Family \$10.00 Institutional \$25.00 Benefactor \$50.00

\*The Friends of the Culpeper County Library is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the Library. Money raised by the "Friends" is used to sponsor programs and cultural opportunities that would otherwise go unfunded.

- \* \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 is spent annually in support of Library programs which include:
  - Summer Reading Program for children and teens
  - Speaker programs for the community
  - Storytellers for adults and children
  - *Book Page* monthly book review offered free of charge to patrons
  - Support of National Library Week
  - Library supplies such as puzzles, bookmarks, stickers, Ellison Machine dies, and giveaways for children

## \*Funds are raised through various activities that also benefit the community.

- Used Book Store and Used Book Corner operated at the Library
- Annual Pansy Sale
- Sale of commemorative leaves on Giving Tree located in Meeting Room
- Author events

#### \*Other activities

- Sponsorship of Third Thursday book discussion groups
- Distribution of Lonesome Pine books-by-mail catalogs

\*The "Friends" are in need of members who are interested in working to support the Library. If you are interested in being a "Friend" or have questions, please contact Barbara Weber at 540-547-4128.



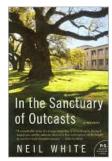
#### Culpeper County Library (continued)

#### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

will meet in the Library Conference Room on the following dates and times:

**JUNE 16** - (10 a.m. and 7 p.m.)

#### IN THE SANCTUARY OF OUTCASTS



by Neil White.

A fascinating memoir about the author's conviction for bank fraud and incarceration at the minimum-security prison in Carville, LA, In the Sanctuary which also housed the last leper colony in mainland United States. It's an uplifting mem-NEIL WHITE \_ oir that changed the author's life, reminding us all of what matters most.

JULY 28 - (6 p.m., Potluck & annual book selection in the Meeting Room)

#### MAJOR PETTIGREW'S LAST STAND

by Helen Simonson.



This wonderful novel tells the story of Major Pettigrew, an honorable Englishman and widower. He develops a friendship with Jasmina Ali, a Pakistani widow. Though they come from different backgrounds, they discover they have much in common. A New York Times Bestseller!

#### **AUGUST 18 -** (10 a.m. and 7 p.m.)

Book title unknown at this time. It will be selected at the July 28 meeting.

#### TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ THESE BOOKS AND JOIN OUR MONTHLY DISCUS-SIONS. YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

These books are available at the Library Circulation Desk, or for purchase at a discount from The Corner Shelf Book Store by calling 825-4411 or www.thecornershelfbookstore.com

For Library Program Information, call 825-8691

#### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOKSTORE HOURS: check Library Website for change in hours

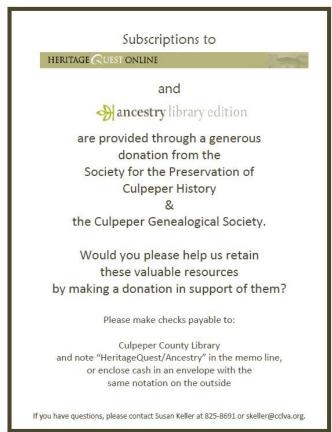
Monday – Thursday: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.; 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Friday: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Stop in and check out our selection of books! Have some time in your schedule? Volunteering just 2 hours per month helps with the extended hours of the Bookstore. If you are interested in volunteering for the Bookstore, and helping the Friends help the Library, please call Kathy Clevenger at 825-8691 or e-mail her at kclevenger@cclva.org

The Friends of the Library Bookstore is a great place to find a wide selection of books, from the latest fiction to the old classics, and from biographies to the sciences, with a lot in between. Our regular prices range from free for a small number of items to a few dollars for the really new books and collectors' items. Large sturdy book bags are available at the Circulation Desk for only \$8.00. Fill one up with your summer reading material!

The Friends of the Library Bookstore will be having its annual Bag Sale on Friday and Saturday, June 10, and 11. Friday evening will be for Friends only. You are welcome to join at that time and become a member of the Friends at the door. On Saturday, the sale will be open to the general public. We will be selling paper bags for you to fill for \$5.00. Buy one of our sturdy canvas bags for \$8.00, and you can fill it at no further cost. Come early and get the best selection!

#### The volunteers of the Friends of the Library Book Store thank you for your support.





#### Culpeper County Library (continued)

LearningExpressLibrary

**LearnATest,** powered by LearningExpress Library, can help you prepare not only for a wide variety of standardized

tests, like the SAT, GED and ASVAB, but also help you sharpen your resume writing skills. Our module also gives you access to over 100 ebooks in PDF format. Many question and answer units are geared toward specific grades and can be used by both public and homeschool students to sharpen their skills. LearnATest requires a quick, free registration. Once you register, you can save your tests and modules to complete at a later time. Completed tests will be scored so that you can assess where you need to focus.

For Library Program Information, call 825-8691

The Library has downloadable e-books, in addition to downloadable



audiobooks, available to you with your Library Card. You can check this service out through our website at <a href="www.cclva.org">www.cclva.org</a>, then books, books, books, and go to the Overdrive site. Choose your own 7 or 14 day loan period, plus checkout up to 10 titles at

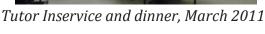
a time. All of this will allow you more flexibility and more books, plus we now have Facebook, Twitter, and Star ratings. This link at <a href="http://www.overdrive.com/resources/drc/compatibleebookdevices.aspx">http://www.overdrive.com/resources/drc/compatibleebookdevices.aspx</a> or the link above will give you a list of compatible devices.

At the end of the selected 7 or 14 day lending period, the audio or e-books will expire from your device and be automatically returned. With the digital titles, there are no late fees or damage costs. The service is free, easy-to-use, and best of all, available anytime from anywhere in the world.

#### CULPEPER LITERACY COUNCIL

Culpeper Literacy Council offers new tutor training sessions twice each year (Fall/Spring) and many professional development training opportunities for volunteers throughout the year. This Spring, CLC welcomed 10 new volunteer tutors to the Culpeper Literacy Council family!







The CLC Computer Lab

A new focus on <u>technology</u> at Culpeper Literacy Council: As the definition of traditional "literacy" has expanded to also include literacy with technology, so too, has Culpeper Literacy Council grown to incorporate this vision.

Heightened technology usage is instrumental in better preparing adult learners for the workforce. Culpeper Literacy Council now has a computer lab and a classroom of computer workstations for student use. Rosetta Stone and Microsoft Office software is available to all students, and in the upcoming fiscal year additional technology updates will be made to the facilities and within the classroom.

Culpeper Literacy Council provides free classes for adult students who wish to learn English as a second language, obtain a GED and/or improve basic reading and writing skills. One-on-one tutoring is also available.

For more information about our programs and classes or to become a volunteer tutor, please contact us at:

Culpeper Literacy Council 415 South Main Street, Suite 204 Culpeper, VA 22701 540.825.5804 www.culpeperliteracy.org









#### **ART CLASSES FOR ALL AGES Summer 2011**

Windmore is *your* community arts center! Our mission is to support the visual, literary, and performing arts through awareness, participation, and education. We provide opportunities to local artists and writers as well as arts scholarships and programs like Art in the Park to the community. Please visit

www.windmorefoundation.org, e-mail info@windmorefoundation.org, or call 540-547-4333. Windmore is partially supported by Northern Piedmont Community Foundation, Virginia Commission for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts. We also rely on the support of the community through memberships. Help Windmore bring the arts home by joining today! Visit our website to download an appli-

#### **CLASSES FOR KIDS**

#### **ACT UP: Acting Workshop for Kids** (ages 6-14)

cation or call or e-mail us for more information.

Saturdays, June 4, 11& 18 From 11 -12:30 am (3 classes)

Beginning and Beyond. Classes will cover stage technique, scene study, cold reading, and auditioning. Teacher: Kathleen August

\$20 per class for Windmore members

\$25 per class for non-members.

Call Windmore office for more information: 540-547-4333. Send registration form and payment to: Windmore Art Center, 209 N. Commerce Street, Culpeper, VA 22701

#### **NEW!** Birthday Parties at Windmore!

Host a creative birthday party for your child at the Windmore Art Center! Party themes and art projects will be tailored to your child's interests for a special and unique event. Call 540-547-4333 or e-mail info@windmorefoundation.org today to learn more!



#### Back by popular Demand! Art in the Park

Ages 6-8 year olds. July 11-15 (5 sessions) Session choices: either 9-10am or 11-noon or 2-3pm Ages 9-12 year olds, July 18-22 (5 sessions) Session choices: 9-10:30AM or 1-2:30PM

Classes are tailored for young children. Each day students work with different medium. Instructors provide hands-on guidance. Doing art improves a child's ability to communicate and learn. The final art show is July 22 at 5 PM at the Windmore Art Center.

All classes are held at Windmore Art Center, 209 Commerce St. Call 547-4333 for more information. Price for the week is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-

For information and to register, call: 540-547-4333.

#### **CLASSES FOR TEENS & ADULTS**

#### **ACT UP: Acting Workshop** for Teens & Adults

Wednesdays, June 8-22, 7-9 pm (3 classes)

Beginning and Beyond. Classes will cover stage

technique, scene study, cold reading, and auditioning.

Teacher: Kathleen August (minimum 6 students needed)

\$25 per class or \$75 for session for Windmore members. \$30 per class or \$90 for session for non-members. For information call: 540-547-4333.

#### **GET ART: Watercolor Workshop**

Incorporating demos addressing the elements that make watercolor unique and challenging, the class will build slowly from simple to complex topics including value, control of medium, color mixing and composition. Students will apply classic watercolor techniques as they paint from still life and photographs. All levels are welcome. Some previous painting experience is suggested. Call Windmore office: 540-547-4333 for a list of

supplies needed by students. Teacher: Mary B. Allen

#### **GET THE WRITE WORDS**

#### **Creative writing for Teens (ages 13 to 17)**

Students will be taught the development of the creative process. This class is designed to encourage beginners and improve the technique for experienced writers. Classes will present information about Websites for writers. Instructors will share information about journaling, publishing and agent inquiries. Supplies needed: a notebook and pen.

Instructors: Donna Christiano, Jean Young and Fran Cecere.

Minimum 5 students, Maximum 10 students. For information call: 540-547-4333.

#### **Creative writing for adults (18 and older)**

Students will be taught the development of the creative process. This class is designed to encourage beginners and improve the technique for experienced writers. Classes will present information about Websites for writers. Instructors will share information about journaling, publishing and agent inquiries. Supplies needed: a notebook and pen.

Instructors: Donna Christiano, Jean Young and Fran Cecere.

Minimum 5 students, Maximum 10 students. For information call: 540-547-4333.



GET ART classes make the arts fun for all ages! All classes will be tailored to be appropriate for each student's age, interests, and abilities Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Classes are held at the Windmore Art Center, 209 N. Commerce Street, Culpeper, VA. Registration forms are available at www.windmorefoundation.org Space is limited. Please register early! No refunds for missed classes or cancelled registrations.





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#### Kids Making News



1401 Old Fredericksburg Rd. Culpeper, Virginia 22701 Phone 540-829-2124

#### **Trips and Activities:**

Nationals Game
Kings Dominion
Marine Corps Museum
Chuck-E-Cheese
Funland
Televised Talent Show
Splashdown
Riverside Theater
Swimming
Video Game Room
Theme Class
Sports
Arts and Crafts
and much more...



Take me out to the ball game! Join Kid Central for a Nationals game on July 28th!





"We're all excited to see a big league baseball game!"

Summer is here and it's time for fun and games!

This summer's theme is Game Show-Mania. We will have daily sports, music, popular culture trivia games and a fun-filled exploration of game shows past and present.

In addition to all the usual summer camp activities there's swimming, roller-skating, bowling, video game room and a televised talent show plus special trips to see a Nationals game, Kings Dominion and a visit to the Museum of the United States Marine Corps.

#### Summer camp begins June 13th and runs until August 19, 2011.

For more information or to register contact us at 829-2124.

We've been serving Culpeper's childcare needs since 1990.

Registration is ongoing throughout the summer.

The program is open to all rising first graders and others up to 12-years-old.

The goal of Kid Central is to meet the childcare needs of working families in our community by offering an affordable program which includes supervision, structure and recreational activities throughout the summer months.

Kid Central is also a partner in the USDA's summer nutrition program, and it will offer a healthy breakfast and lunch free of charge to those 17-years and younger.

For more information visit kidcentralculpeperva.com

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Full Circle Thrift 210 E. Davis St. Plenty of Parking



Customer appreciation day. Fun for all.

## FULL CIRCLE THRIFT Let's Go Treasure Hunting

Have you ever had that special item you wanted or needed and just couldn't find it? Then you need to go treasure hunting at Full Circle Thrift.

Full Circle Thrift became a dream in 2002 and with very dedicated and determined individuals we were able to open our doors in January 2003. We officially opened January 23, 2003 at 227 Waters Place, Culpeper, VA. We were bare bones in the beginning and with the support from the communities and valuable and faithful customers, we began to blossom into a successful business.

In April 2005 we moved into our current location of 210 E. Stevens St., Culpeper, VA. We felt we had won the lottery and had moved into the Taj Mahal. We were finally able to establish departments and create that boutique atmosphere.

Full Circle Thrift is a non-profit 501C-3 organization. We function entirely on donations and reselling quality new and used items. We accept clothing, shoes, purses, household items, linen, furniture, appliances, books, toys and other miscellaneous items. We ask that donated items be in workable and resellable condition. We do not accept firearms, ammunition, chemicals or tires. Your donations are tax-deductible.

We have three trucks available for free pick-up for large items by appointment, call 540-727-8716. We primarily serve Culpeper, Madison, Orange, Fauquier, Rappahannock, Greene, and Louisa Counties, but have traveled as far as Charlottesville, Fredericksburg, and Washington, D. C. We also provide delivery service for purchased items for a small fee.



Dishes make good gifts! Come and see!



Clothing Boutique—We have your style.



Do you need new furniture? How about lamps?

#### Take a JAUNT - Culpeper to Charlottesville \$5

By Jenny Biché, Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission

If you or someone you know needs transportation to Charlottesville, consider taking the Foothills Express. Reservations are required at least 24 hours in advance and can be made by calling 1-800-365-2868. Fares require exact change.



For more information on the Foothills Express visit www.rrregion.org or call (540) 445-1VAN (1826).

Transportation has always been a needed service in Culpeper and surrounding counties. The Foothills Express hopes to provide an affordable option to folks needing to go to Charlottesville. With funding from a New Freedom grant, the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission (RRRC), in collaboration with the Foothills Area Mobility System (FAMS), oversees the Foothills Express

shuttle service that was established in November of 2010. RRRC contracted with JAUNT, a Charlottesville-based transportation provider, to serve as The Foothills Express. Using a 15- passenger, handicap accessible shuttle bus, the Foothills Express makes three round trips to Charlottesville from Culpeper Regional Hospital and the Madison Food Lion every Tuesday and Thursday. Fares are \$3.00 one way or \$5.00 round trip, with no charge for children under six-years-old or escorts needed for medical trips.

A client of Services to Abused Families, Inc. (SAFE) recently developed a medical condition requiring surgery and was referred to UVA Medical Center in Charlottesville. "As I do not drive at the present time, it was a concern of mine as to how I was going to acquire transportation to and from Charlottesville on a weekly basis to keep my appointments with my physician. The Culpeper Regional Hospital staff informed me of the Foothills Express and I made a [reservation.] The service was very punctual; the drivers were always on time, polite and courteous, and very informed as to the various department locations at UVA for drop off and pick up. It's a hassle-free, relaxing means of transportation to get to and from Charlottesville."

While medical appointments are given priority, the Foothills Express can be used for any reason and there are no eligibility requirements. Jonathan Black, of Charlottesville, uses the Foothills Express to visit his family in Madison. "I do not own a vehicle. My stepfather usually comes to get me. This is a way to save gas money and his time. The service is helpful and convenient. Also very inexpensive. A great alternative to driving yourself or trying to find a ride from someone. Booking a reservation is easy. You just call JAUNT."

When asked if he would recommend the Foothills Express to a friend, Mr. Black replied, "Yes, absolutely. I think this service would be helpful to anyone who needs transportation between Charlottesville and Culpeper, for whatever reason, be it an appointment or for lack of having one's own vehicle." The SAFE client agrees, stating, "I highly recommend the use of services offered by the Foothills Express. The rates are very reasonable. You certainly cannot drive to UVA round trip for \$5.00, not to mention having to deal with the parking aspect and getting to the department in which you need to be."

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## **Economic Development Arts Strengthening Business**



The New State Theatre—downtown destination and center for the performing arts

On January 28, 2011, the State Theatre began rebuilding. For the next 18 months work will continue, transforming the dilapidated structure on Main Street into a centerpiece for the next phase of the downtown revitalization.

The State Theatre will be a central hub of arts for the County of Culpeper and surrounding areas. Between now and the theatre's opening, the State Theatre Foundation, the non-profit organization orchestrating the restoration, plans to hold a series of fundraisers offering a "Taste of the Theatre" to showcase the various events that will be held once open: film screenings, jazz concerts, children's events, educational programming and more!

Once open, the Theatre will host similarly diverse events throughout the year, which will appeal to all citizens of Culpeper County. The Theatre anticipates partnerships with local organizations to display Culpeper's hidden talents and gems such as films from the Packard Campus of the Library of Congress and the talents of our high school students. The possibilities are limitless and only bounded by what the public wants to see!

The State Theatre was saved from demolition by members of the community who have dedicated their time and energy to the Theatre's restoration. Many of the people involved with the State Theatre Foundation remember going to shows and movies at the Theatre before it closed. The preservation of the State Theatre is not only about providing entertainment for out-of-town guests, but to provide a place for the community to come together and create new memories as well.

The State Theatre complements the businesses already located downtown by encouraging their patrons to come early and stay late to experience Culpeper's shops and restaurants. It will also help pull the revitalization of Davis Street down Main Street creating a true downtown district. Once other current construction projects along Main Street are complete, Main Street will join Davis Street as a true shopping and entertainment destination.

In addition to complementing current businesses, the State Theatre will serve as a catalyst to draw new businesses to Culpeper's downtown and surrounding areas. Already, businesses considering relo-



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cating to Culpeper County consider the completed Theatre to be an important part of their employees' quality of life.

The State Theatre is funded by charitable donations and public/private partnerships. Because of the Theatre's recognized historical value, the restoration can be partially funded by tax credits; however, the majority of the funding for the Theatre comes from private individuals.

While the funds are in place to begin the physical construction of the building, fundraising will need to continue to complete the capital campaign. To help the State Theatre meet its fundraising goal, you are invited you to join in the "1000 for \$1000" campaign - one thousand community members committing \$1,000.00 over three years (as little as \$25 per month). The donations are tax-deductible and will allow the dream of the State Theatre to become a reality, providing benefits to the community today and well into the future!

For more information please visit the State Theatre's website at www.culpepertheatre.org or contact the State Theatre Office at (540) 727-7979.

#### **Lenn Park Update**

The Parks and Recreation Department has been able to develop the landscape at Lenn Park with the help of the Coffeewood Institute Workforce. A crew was kept very busy over the winter months. Many downed and extremely old trees were felled, split, stacked and sold as firewood to assist in fundraising efforts for future Park initiatives. Parks and Recreation Department staff was able to raise around \$700 dollars with the sale of firewood.

The Workforce was also instrumental in improving the scenery at the Park by removing poisonous vegetation and large amounts of under-

brush that obstructed the view of Mountain Run Creek. Park visitors now have the opportunity to not only hear, but see the beauty of the creek.



Coffeewood Institute Workforce improving Lenn Park

Lenn Park continues to develop through support from various sources. Culpeper County Parks and Recreation staff recently received a donation of 550 trees from the Department of Forestry. These trees, of various species, have been planted by the Coffeewood Institute workforce along the road bed in the Park. Staff is counting on these trees to provide additional shade and help with managing the flood plain area.

To ensure the growth of the trees, the County received two monetary donations from the arborist division of Rappahannock Electric Cooperative. Those funds were used by Parks and Recreation Department staff to purchase around 500 protective tube/stakes.

The tube/stakes will allow the saplings to grow with less interference from small critters and deer.

#### **Culpeper Community Sports Complex** Moving forward with the Concession/Restroom Stands

Over the past six years and during a slow economy, the Culpeper Recreation Foundation, Inc. struggled to raise sufficient funds to build the first of two concession/restroom stands at the Culpeper Sports Complex located at the corners of Jonas Run Road and Rt. 666. With donations from local corporations and businesses, along with commitments from volunteers and in-kind contributions, the Foundation members elected to move forward with construction.

Once the concession stands are constructed, they will offer youth association officials a way to raise much needed funds to assist in keeping registration fees reasonable, and will offer spectators and participants necessary restroom facilities. Both buildings will also provide space for youth leagues to store their athletic equipment. When the first building is completed for soccer, football, and lacrosse association needs, a second building will be built for baseball as soon as additional commitments and funds permit.

The group that initially volunteered their services began with Anthony Clatterbuck of Graystone Homes as general contractor, to keep the project on track. Other businesses that committed were Cedar Mountain Stone offering gravel; Dawson Electric Service Inc. supplying the electric; Hawkins Benchmark the surveying; Johnson Drywall and Construction, Inc. the drywall; M.D. Russell Construction Inc. offered general construction; P. W. Stillwell provided plumbing labor; Tanner's Pest Services, termite control; Howard Shockey and Sons, Inc. provided silt and safety fencing; and Vulcan Materials Company donated concrete.

These commitments and others (to be noted in a future article) enabled construction on the first concession/restroom building to begin. In order to conserve and raise funds for completion of the second concession/restroom stand, the Foundation again reached out to the community to find more contributions from businesses, corporations and volunteers. As the Founda-



tion gears up to build the second concession/restroom stand, funds will continue to be raised.

All persons donating money or services greater than \$250 will be remembered on a prominent display at the Complex. Anyone wishing to help can send checks or offers of assistance to Culpeper Recreation Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 36, Culpeper, VA 22701 or call 540-727-3412.

The Recreation Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization, so contributions are tax-deductible, as allowed by law.